

AMENDMENTS TO SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 31, line 14 with the following amended paragraph:

Since [[may]] clients may desire specific information about the operation in progress (seek, fast forward, rewind, frame advance or rewind) which cannot be encoded in the file's digital audio-visual storage format, private data is used. When the server knows that "client specific" information is needed, it places it into whatever private data mechanism is supported by the file's audio-visual storage format. Thus, the output to the network maintains its conformance to the required format. This is necessary in case the network is performing checks to be sure that data is not corrupted in transmission. By virtue of being in private data, the "client specific" data will not be checked.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 40, line 20 with the following amended paragraph:

As explained above, an MPEG frame cannot be accurately recreated from P-frame data unless the preceding I-frame has been decoded. A frame cannot be accurately recreated from B-frame data unless the preceding and succeeding P or I-frame data is decoded. Consequently, stream server 110 is limited with respect to which frames it can select.